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Mr. Van E. Langley
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Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Langley:

I refer to Mr. Hartman's memorandum to the NSC Under Secretaries Committee, of 7 July 1971, Subject: National Interdepartmental Seminar.

For some considerable time, we in the Central Intelligence Agency have had some question as to whether the National Interdepartmental Seminar had not outlived its usefulness. As the years have gone by, we have also found it increasingly difficult to fill our quota with the kind and caliber of personnel we felt could profit from and contribute to the Seminar.

We note with approval that it is planned to "Broaden the focus of the Seminar and give more stress to the process of policy implementation and coordination, within a context of domestic realities as well as current foreign policy issues and National Security objectives."

We also note with approval that a Review Committee is to be established which will report to the Under Secretaries Committee annually at the end of the fiscal year. We would like to suggest that this be an occasion to reevaluate the Seminar rather than merely to report "on compliance with this directive."

With regard to your specific question, the Central Intelligence Agency concurs in the suggested redesignation of the National Interdepartmental Seminar and its substantive reorientation. We do not concur in a quota of 48 (8 for each of 6 Seminars) and request that our quota be reduced to 24 (4 for each of 6 Seminars).

We concur in the principle of operating the Seminar on a shared cost basis but would assume that a reduction in our quota would also mean a reduced contribution from the Agency.

Sincerely,



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I'm not sure how much attention NIS received in your initial session with [] but this gives a chance to fill out that briefing or to reiterate Agency background. Please draft some reactions and send over so you and I can discuss.

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DTG's response was verbal.

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